(a) how many visits abroad were made by the former Development Commissioner (Pi) during his assignment in the Ministry; and

(b) the names of the countries visited during each visit, purpose whether official or unofficial and who accompanied him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Eight, as Development Commissioner (PI) and Joint Secretary (PI).

SI. No.	Countries visited	Purpose	Persons accompanied
1	Algeria.....	Official	Shri R.S. Mathur, Leader, S/Shri J.L. Thakur, Dy O.M. IDPL,Ms.L.Ishring, Branch Manager, STC & Dr. Gopa Kumar Nair, Rep. Chemexcil as members of the team.
2	Macao.....	Official	None
3	Bulgaria and Germany	Official	S/Shri M.S. Murthy, Adviser (Chem.) and A.K. Basu MD, HAL as members.
4	U.S.A.....	Official	None
5	USA & Mexico. . . .	Official	Family (Expenses borne by his sister) resident in USA
6	*V.K*	Official	Shri B.B. Kaura, Asstt. Development Commissioner (PI).
7	U.S.S.R.....	Official	Shri M.S. Gill, Secretary (CPQ
8	Vienna.....	Official	—

Different Figures of Production and Consumption of Baralgon Ketone

305. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Hoechst has provided different figures in respect of production and consumption of Baralgon Ketone;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the ministry have noted such discrepancies;

(c) what was the consumption indicated in Form-6 for Betemethasone and its salts for the period 1981. 1982 and 1983 and what were the figure informed otherwise to the ministry;

(d) what were the figures and basis taken by Special Team for the assessment of liability during these three years;

(e) what are the figures taken while reviewing the assessment of these years; and

(f) what are the details of short assessment of liability by Special Team in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (f) Information in respect of Baralgon Ketone of M/s Hoechst and Betamethasones and its salts of M|s. Glaxo, will be com-

piled and placed on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Investment by multinational companies in India

306. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any policy regarding the investment by multinational companies in India;

(b) whether Government propose to issue a list of such industries in which the multinational companies will not be permitted/allowed to invest; and

(c) if so, by when the list is likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) A statement is attached

Statement

(a) Government's foreign investment policy is selective and is 'designed to channelise such investments into areas which require sophisticated technology, or where critical production gaps exist or which would help increase the country's export potential. While Govt's basic policy is aimed at reducing unnecessary dependence on external resources, it is recognised by Govt, that it is equally necessary to update production technology continuously to keep pace with rapid technological advances taking place in developed countries. The import of technology is, therefore, selective and is ordinarily permitted in high technology areas, in export-oriented or import substitution manufacture, or for enabling indigenous industry to upgrade its existing technology to attain efficiency and competitive strength.

(b) and (c) No such proposal is under consideration of Govt, at present. However, there is already an illustrative list of industries where no I foreign collaboration, financial or technical, is normally considered necessary. Requests for collaboration in these industries are generally not allowed unless these are justified with reference to the technology involved, availability of indigenous technology, potential for export earnings and the like.

Implementation of 20-Potat Programme by various States

307. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state

(a) what is the performance of various States regarding the implementation of 20-Point Programme so far; and

(b) what are the details for the years 1989, 1990 and upto March, 1991 State-wise asd year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ); (a) and (b) The performance of States in the implementation of 28 selected items for which quantification of achievement is possible is monitored on a monthly basis. A statement showing the details of the performance by the States for the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 is attached.

[See Appendix 159, Annexure No. IS]

Gas cracker project to Assam

308. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Front Government had issued Memorandum of Understanding to the gas cracker project in Assam long back;